

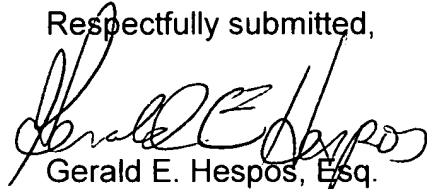
REMARKS

Consideration of this application, as amended, is requested.

Claims 1-9 remain in the application. The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and to thereby avoid the U.S. government surcharge for applications with multiple dependent claims.

Early and favorable action on the claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald E. Hespos", is written over the typed name.

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